

January 29, 2007

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RE: SUPPORT FOR FUNDING RECOMMENDATION FOR ADDITIONAL IRWMP PROPOSALS

Dear Ms. Billington and Ms. Farahnak,

The Sonoma County Water Agency (SCWA) wishes to express its support for the funding recommendation presented by State Water Resources Control Board and Department of Water Resources staff at the recent IRWMP scoping workshop held on Tuesday, January 23 in Sacramento. The SCWA supports the State's efforts to bring additional dollars to qualified proposals that did not initially receive funding support during the first implementation grant cycle under Proposition 50 Chapter 8. The three Bay Area proposal projects in the North Bay, all of which achieve multiple benefits in line with the Proposition 50 IRWMP program guidelines, are critically important to ensuring the long-term sustainability of water resources in the North Bay. The SCWA commends the State for re-examining initial funding recommendations and subsequently making funding available now when critical projects are in need of funding to move forward. The SCWA looks forward to working with the State on implementation of the upcoming Proposition 84 IRWMP Grant Program, and offers our assistance to the State in implementing this program. Thank you for your consideration, and we look forward to working together in the coming years.

Sincerely,

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